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Evening Brief

Date: Saturday July 7, 2018

Weather Summary

***** Dry thunderstorms will continue over western Utah and central NV Sunday before spreading further north into northwest UT/northeast NV and southeast Idaho on Monday.*** Storms will moisten up across southeast/eastern Utah beginning on Sunday**

***** Gusty Winds with Low RH Return Sunday to northwest Nevada *****

A strong area of high pressure is building over the central U.S. for increasing temperatures regionwide. Maximum temperatures will be 10-12 degrees above normal with highs near 100 degrees across central and northern valleys through early next week.

Subtropical moisture is moving into the Great Basin around this ridge for increasing thunderstorm coverage over most of Utah and far eastern Nevada through the weekend and into early next week. These storms will begin dry before transitioning to wet by day 2 or 3 of the event. Storms will spread into central/western Nevada sometime midweek next week.

Preparedness Levels & Great Basin Fire Activity (from WFDSS)

Great Basin	3	Moderate Initial Attack Activity
National	3	New Fires and Acres: 22 fires for 87.6 acres; 78,201 acres large fire growth

Great Basin Fuel Status [interactive link](#) (Use Edge, Chrome or Firefox browsers)

Fuels and Fire Behavior advisories have been issued for [Nevada](#) and [Utah](#)

Percent of PSAs 80th percentile and above ▼ from yesterday from 55% to 52%

Sagebrush live fuel moisture values are near record lows for the time of year over eastern and southern Utah and a small area of far western Idaho. Elsewhere across the geographic area the sagebrush live fuel moisture values are closer to normal or even above normal for early July, but have peaked and are on the downward trend rapidly due to recent hot/dry weather.

Fire danger values have increased to above the **97th percentile** once again over almost all of southern/central/eastern Utah and above the **80th-90th percentile** over southern/eastern Nevada into northern Utah. These ERCs in most of southern, central and eastern Utah are near or above record levels for the time of year, with ERCs in eastern Nevada beginning to approach record levels for the time of year in some areas.

The significant carryover fuels from 2017 in western/northern NV into parts of southern ID/western UT, along with rapidly drying new grass growth will be the main contributing factors to fire spread throughout early July until the sagebrush fuel moisture drops to critical levels.

Resources

78 Crews committed within the geographic area

- 22 IHCs on 6 separate incidents
- 42 T2IAs on 10 separate incidents

Aviation committed within the geographic area

103 Aircraft within the Great Basin

- 4 CL 415s
- 4 LATs
- 1VLAT
- 23 SEATs

Current Incident Details

Today's Activity (from WFDSS):

Incident Name	Unique Fire Identifier	Size	Status	Latitude	Longitude	Pt. Of Origin Sage Grouse Habitat
Tekoi **	2018-UTSLD-000433	0.1	Contained 07/06/18	40.3548	112.7175	NO
Peavine 3 **	2018-NVTMF-030319	5	Not Contained	39.5933	119.9017	NO
Ebbs **	2018-UTFIF-180231	2	Not Contained	39.15133	112.1554	NO
Cascade	2018-UTUWF-000435	1	Contained 07/07/18	40.44622	111.5517	NO
MM54 I15 Northbound	2018-UTSWS-000306	0.5	Controlled 07/07/18	37.62367	113.1373	NO
Quaker	2018-UTNES-000437	1.1	Not Contained	40.14704	111.0642	PHMA
Rock	2018-UTSLD-000438	7.3	Controlled 07/07/18	40.704	112.775	NO
Convulsion	2018-UTSCS-180234	0.8	Not Contained	38.87175	111.587	NO
Big Wash	2018-NVCCD-030322	4.5	Contained 07/07/18	39.82691	119.7527	GHMA
Jorgensen	2018-UTSCS-180236	0.1	Contained 07/07/18	38.81733	111.7324	NO
Verdi	2018-NVHTF-030324	0.1	Not Contained	39.52797	120.0593	NO
Willow	2018-NVHTF-580250	0.3	Not Contained	36.37794	115.7673	NO
TROUT CANYON	2018-NVHTF-580252	50	Not Contained	36.0191	115.5078	NO
TWO AND A HALF MILE	2018-ID1BN-000068	8.1	Not Contained	42.94082	112.33	FWS-OCC
Poverty Mountain	2018-AZASD-000311	0.1	Contained 07/07/18	36.4136	113.5576	NO
Bountiful Assist	2018-UTNUC-000440	1	Not Contained	40.89124	111.867	NO
MM 146 Hwy 89	2018-UTSWS-000312	0.1	Controlled 07/07/18	38.02443	112.3597	PHMA
Mud Springs	2018-UTSCS-180240	0.1	Not Contained	38.84939	111.4919	FWS-PAC
MM11 EAST HWY21	2018-IDBOD-000465	3.2	Contained 07/07/18	43.54389	116.045	NO
MP 291	2018-UTRFC-180241	2	Not Contained	39.80206	111.5028	GHMA
Hwy 491 MM8	2018-UTSES-008169	0.1	Not Contained	37.86509	109.1964	GUSG-UH
CLIFF RIDGE	2018-UTVLD-100201	0.1	Not Contained	40.37784	109.241	PHMA
TWOMILE	2018-IDCTF-000069	30	Not Contained	42.16181	112.2157	NO
Border	2018-UTSES-008170	0.1	Not Contained	37.96994	109.045	NO

****fires occurred previous night, not previously reported**

For additional information go to: [Great Basin Coordination Center Web Site](#)